from Karunagapalli to Sastankottah is in progress. It has not been possible to provide for the improvement of the local cross-roads in the budget for 1099.

(*b*) (i) The Chief Engineer says that the portion of the road from Tamarakkulam to Ochira is in good condition. The improvement of the other portions is estimated to cost Rs. 56,000 and is being investigated.

(ii) An estimate is being prepared for this road.

(iii) & (iv) The Chief Engineer has called for a report from the Divisional Officer in regard to these roads.

Kannetti Bridge in the Karunagapalli Taluk.

12. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the dangerous condition of the Kannetti bridge in the Karunagapalli taluk?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to see that the bridge is repaired this year itself?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, if possible.

PRESIDENT: The following gentlemen were elected, on the 14th August, 1923, by the non-official members of the Legislative Council as members of the Standing Finance Committee and as members of the Economic Development Board, respectively:—

MEMBERS OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, B. A., B. L.
2. Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai, B. A., B. L.
3. Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai, B. A., B. L.

MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

1. Mr. M. K. Khadir Pillai.
2. Mr. M. N. Nair, B. A.
3. Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, B. A., B. L.
4. Mr. K. C. Eappen, B. A.

LATE MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): Mr. President, before we enter upon the business of the day, will you kindly permit me to bring to the formal notice of the Council the death of Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai, a member of this Council, immediately after the termination of the last budget session? I believe

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

[Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.]

we owe a duty to the deceased member. During the short period that the present Council has been in existence, he afforded ample evidence of his undoubted intelligence, business capacity, enthusiasm and energy which have been of great help to the Council. There have been occasions when there were honest differences of opinion between himself and other members of the Council; but I felt all along that these differences were not necessarily differences arising from temperament, but from a difference in the standpoints from which he approached important questions that came up for consideration before the Council. I feel—and I have no doubt that several of my friends in this House do feel—that his death has left behind a void which would not be easily filled up. I feel we owe a melancholy duty to ourselves, and it is due to the deceased that the House should record its appreciation of the good work done by Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai as member of this Council and its sense of the loss at his premature death.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to second the motion. This is the first time when death has snatched away one of our brother members of this Council. I do not think any words are necessary to give this House an idea of the splendid work done by Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai in our midst. I think Mr. Krishna Aiyangar is voicing the grief of the country and this Council at the loss which they have suffered on account of the death of Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Deputy President and by Mr. Hoogewerf in regard to the very severe loss sustained by this Council by the unfortunate and untimely death of one of its most useful and talented members, *viz.*, Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai. It would, as remarked by the previous speakers, be very difficult to fill his place adequately. What is left to us mortals is to pray that his soul may rest in peace.

I will now call upon the members to pass a vote of condolence standing.

The motion was carried, all the members standing.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND IV—FOREST.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I rise to move that a grant not exceeding Rs. 525 be sanctioned by transfer from Demand XX—P. W. D. to Demand IV—Forest. This transfer has been necessitated by the Forest Department undertaking the maintenance of the State boundaries from Kumili to Tevaram, for a distance of about 35 miles. Till last year, this portion of the boundary used to be maintained by the Public Works Department. But it was found that the amount was inadequate, that the labourers had to be recruited from British parts, and that the work was not properly done by the workmen. Our hillmen are practically having no work and they can with advantage

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly